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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication is a preliminary amendment concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 3-6 the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes made are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made." Further, please add new claims 8 and 9 as shown.

3. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

A1 a scanner to read an image on an original and generate image signals,
a conversion unit to convert the image signals generated by the scanner
to color signals;

a memory to prestore correcting tables of respective colors including
black and an error correction table of a monochrome black, the error correction table being

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